

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 10, 2016

The Honorable Craig Fugate
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Administrator Fugate:

We urge the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to immediately correct the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the Town of Ocean City, Maryland. You must follow the federal government line established by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

We have enclosed a letter from the Ocean City Mayor Richard Meehan. We urge you to give the strongest consideration to the concerns raised by Mayor Meehan with respect to the area between 93rd Street and 123rd Street. This section was mapped incorrectly, and does not follow the line established by the Corps. As a result, these properties' owners now unfairly face exorbitant high flood insurance costs.

We understand that FEMA staff has already directed Ocean City to pursue a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). Fixing this mistake should not be the town's burden. We urge FEMA to fix this mistake and immediately apply the already-established boundaries being used by the Corps in determining the VE zone boundary.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senator



Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator

Enclosure